

WEDNESDAY MAY 21st
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
8.45 a.m. Preacher: Lillian Daniel

Opening Responses

Leader: In the beginning, God made the world:
Women: made it and mothered it,
Men: shaped it and fathered it,
Women: filled it with seed and with signs of fertility,
Men: filled it with love and its folk with ability.

Leader: All that is green, blue, deep and growing,
All: God's is the hand that created you.

Leader: All that is tender, firm, fragrant or curious,

All: God's is the hand that created you.

Leader: All that crawls, flies, swims, walks or is motionless,

All: God's is the hand that created you.

Leader: All that speaks, sings, cries, laughs or keeps silence,

All: God's is the hand that created you.

Leader: All that suffers, lacks, limps or longs for an end,

All: God's is the hand that created you.

Leader: The world belongs to God,

All: The earth and all its people.

Song FROM ADAM CAME THE APPLE *tune: Ellacombe*

1. *Men:* From Adam came the apple,
from Abram came the seed,
from Noah came the floating zoo,
from Cain the jealous deed.

**ALL: And God tied up the parcel
which we call human life:
a bundle of adventure
and love and pain and strife.**

2. *Women:* In Eve was harmless pleasure
until she was beguiled;
in Sarah there was envy
until she bore a child;

ALL: And God...

3. *Men:* Take Samson and Delilah,
take David and his wives,
take Jesus through his ancestry –
all show imperfect lives;

ALL: Yet God...

4. *Women:* In Christian and in Moslem,
in Buddhist and Hindu
there lie the common fault lines
found also in the Jew.

**ALL: But Jesus born in Palestine
loves those of every race
for he detects God's image
in every human face.**

5. **ALL: It is not endless conflict,
but God who is our goal
who planned our many differences
and yearns that we be whole.
O Spirit of our Maker
in whom our hope is found,
enable us to recognise
the paths to common ground.**

Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

As if it were not enough
to bring sound from silence,
light from darkness,
order from confusion;

as if it were not enough
to make the world excellent and intricate,
you gave the kiss of life to the dust of the earth.
You made male and female,
me and us.

ALL: **So we bless you.**

Leader: As if it were not enough
to watch the world you had created,
to admire your handwork from eternity;
as if it were not enough
to care and be kind at a distance,
you sent your Son to be flesh of our flesh
bone of our bone,
to live and walk beside
me and us.

ALL: **So we bless you.**

Leader: As if it were not enough
to be looked at and listened to ,
criticised and complimented,
feted and forsaken,
you stretched out your arm and held out your hand
to heal and to help
me and us.

ALL: **So we bless you.**

Leader: As if it were not enough
to do all this and return, triumphant, to glory,
you still hear our cries in the courts of high heaven,
and promise your Spirit for the healing of the nations
and for me and for us.

ALL: **So we bless you.**
God of all power,
Lord of our weakness,
Spirit of our salvation.
Amen.

Chant

THIS IS GOD'S WORLD

This is God's world, gi- ven on loan; no o-ther earth
4 shall be our home; — so let us bless, — ho- nour and tend —
7 what God in love_ cre - a - ted.

(except last time)

Scripture Genesis 6: 1 – 9: 16

Sermon NOAH'S ARK

Prayer

Song WHILE EARTH REMAINS *tune: Arirang from Korea* Korean tune © control

1 God, who made the earth, declared it good in the beginning, planned a time and purpose for all things that were and would be.

Refrain

While earth remains, there will be seed time and harvest, summer sun and winter moon, winter, the dead of night, the bright day.

1. God, who made the earth,
declared it good in the beginning,
meant a time and purpose
for all things that were and would be.

2. Though humanity defiled the
Eden God had cherished,
God did not despise the world;
its worth he always could see.

3. God in Christ then came
from paradise to imperfection,
repossessing earth and people
through a tomb and a tree.

4. Wood, though felled to earth,
produced a flower that will not perish;
seed, though dead and fallen,
burst to life and rose up again.

Refrain: While earth remains, there will be seedtime and harvest,
summer sun and winter moon, the dead of night, the bright day.

Dismissal

Leader: Now may God
who gives seed to the sower
and corn to the reaper
give to us all that is needed
to produce a good harvest.

***ALL:* May God make us fertile
in faith, love and goodness,
and take us out with joy,
and lead us on in peace,
as signs of the fruitfulness of heaven.
Amen.**